

BOISE CITY RIDGE TO RIVERS FY24 FOURTH QUARTER PARTNERSHIP MEETING
BOISE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2024
8:30 A.M.

Partners Present: Lisa Duplessie (Boise Parks and Recreation); Brent Ralston (Bureau of Land Management); Scott Koberg and Kevin Kostka (Ada County); Brad Lowe (Idaho Department of Fish and Game); Kristyn Strahber (US Forest Service); David Gordon (Ridge to Rivers); Joey Eckles and Jill Boyer (Clerk).

MEETING SUMMARY NOTES:

- A. FY 2024 4th Quarter Budget and Work Plan Review**
D. Gordon reviewed the proposed FY24 4th Quarter Budget and Work Plan. Additional items mentioned were challenges with seasonal staff retention. A total of 24 volunteer events provided additional trail maintenance (maximum volunteers capable due to current staff levels).
- B. Trail Maintenance Update**
The trails came through well from the winter/spring and positive feedback was received on contractor maintained trails. Ridge to Rivers (R2R) did not receive the grant for a maintenance buggy.
- C. Harrison Hollow Loop All-weather and Accessibility Enhancement Project Update**
The project started Monday, July 22, which would lengthen the current trail by 2,000 feet. This would provide a slightly wider all-weather loop.
- D. Curlew Connection Trail Construction Contract Update**
UXO Survey Contractor scheduled to survey the flagline in August, with a projected trail construction start date of September 1. Provided there were no setbacks caused by landscape challenges, the project should take 2 months to complete. D. Gordon advised a winter closure of the trail. Partners discussed whether this would be temporary while the vegetation become established or a permanent winter closure. This would continue (to be discussed at a later date).
- E. Trail 4 and Trail 6 Sustainability Discussion/Management Direction**
D. Gordon discussed the condition of Trails 4 and 6 and their challenges, as they were largely unsustainable. Partners discussed whether it was feasible for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to take over the trails because R2R couldn't maintain these adequately. BLM and US Forest Service discussed the challenges and options of re-routing the trails.
- F. Homestead to Peace Valley Overlook Trail**
As a condition of development approval, Hunter Homes is required to provide a trail connection from Peace Valley Overlook Trail to Homestead Trail.. D. Gordon has been working on alignment of this trail with Hunter Homes Staff, Cuddy Mountain Trail and Idaho Department of Fish and Game.A proposed 5-year maintenance agreement would be discussed with the builder.

G. 2024 Significant Trail Projects

D. Gordon shared various trail projects that included all-weather amendments, gabbury bridges, and drain culverts. The projects vary from parts of the lower foothills, near Military Reserve, to other R2R trails. The improvements enhanced daily conditions and prevented trail damage during winter weather.

H. R2R Partner Updates

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

B. Ralston informed the partners that D. Draheim was on assignment through November. Partners were updated on BLM projects that included Miller Gulch parking lot improvements, 8th Street and lower end gate complications. In addition, BLM could possibly contribute funds towards the Cartwright project.

Ada County

S. Koberg introduced their new team member Kevin Kostka to the partners. K. Kostka provided partners with his professional background. They were partnering with BLM to add an all-weather trail loop. Event boundaries were identified at Eagle Bike Park to assist with a multi-jurisdiction permit process.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game

B. Lowe shared information about their archery event on August 1 at the Archery Range in Military Reserve.

US Forest Service

K. Strahber updated the partners about the public comment period for parking fees at Stack Rock as well as various other system-wide fee increases. She talked about challenges this could create, while other partners provided their feedback.

V. IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before the Partnership, the meeting adjourned.